



# BAY AREA TO CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROGRAM EIR/EIS

## SCOPING PERIOD COMMENT FORM

Thank you for attending today's meeting. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify public and agency concerns, focus the environmental document, and define the issues that will be examined in the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). The scoping procedure also helps to identify project impacts, alternatives, mitigation measures, and environmental subject areas deserving attention. Please return any comments to the California High-Speed Rail Authority (return address on the reverse side of this form) by December 16, 2005.

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### COMMENTS:

I THINK THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF TRUNK HIGH SPEED RAIL SERVICE SHOULD BE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN REGIONS, NOT (PRIMARYLY) WITHIN REGIONS. THIS IS BEST SERVED BY DIRECTLY CONNECTING THE PRIMARY CENTERS - SF, SJ, LA, SD. IN MY UNDERSTANDING, THE NORTHERN ROUTES FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY TO THE INNER BAY AREA WOULD MAKE THE SAN JOSE CONNECTION INTO A ~~SPUR~~ SPUR LINE IN ORDER TO SERVE SEVERAL SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES WHICH ARE ALREADY SERVED BY ACE COMMUTER RAIL. I BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE A MISTAKE, AND THAT A SOUTHERN CONNECTION SHOULD BE USED WHICH WOULD CONNECT DIRECTLY THROUGH SAN JOSE. ANY ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS TO THE SOUTHERN ROUTE SHOULD BE OUTWEIGHED BY THE CREATION OF A MORE SUCCESSFUL RAIL SYSTEM.



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